

# Draft Rosendale Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets

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This document is to be read alongside the Draft Rossendale Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets and has been produced in response to some of the more frequent consultation enquires.

## **“Why have I received a letter about my property being designated a Non-Designated Heritage Asset?”**

The Council has written to the owners/occupiers of all properties and other structures that it considers are of sufficient historic interest and importance to Rossendale’s character and sense of place. The letter is to inform the owner/occupier that it intends to add the asset to a new Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets.

## **“What is a Non-Designated Heritage Asset (NDHA)?”**

A heritage asset is ‘a building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meriting consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest’. NDHAs can also be identified via a Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plans and planning decisions.

## **“What is a Local List?”**

The Local List is one way of identifying NDHAs and will act as a record of the historic environment within Rossendale and provide detail on the assets which contribute to the sense of place within Rossendale.

## **“Does this mean my property is Listed?”**

**No.** Your property is **not** being designated as a Grade I, II\* or II structure. There is no requirement for you to apply for Listed Building Consent.

## **“Will I have to apply for Planning Permission for works to my property?”**

Unlike with statutorily listed buildings, for assets on this Local List there will be no new additional circumstances where Planning Permission is required for works to your property, nor will you need to apply for Listed Building Consent. All of your Permitted Development rights remain unaffected. **If** you have to apply for Planning Permission for works then a Heritage Statement may be required.

## “What is a Heritage Statement?”

A Heritage Statement is an assessment of the significance of a heritage asset and the impacts that the proposed works may have on the building/structure. Growth Lancashire, who advise the Council on heritage matters, have provided some information about Heritage Statements which can be viewed here: [www.growthlancashire.co.uk/a-short-guide-to-heritage-statements/](http://www.growthlancashire.co.uk/a-short-guide-to-heritage-statements/)

## “How has the Local List been drafted?”

In 2022 Growth Lancashire launched the Lancashire Local List project which consisted of an interactive public consultation to inform Local Lists for the authorities across Lancashire. This built upon earlier work undertaken by the Rossendale Heritage Network and others. All assets proposed were assessed for suitability by a range of built environment professionals, including heritage consultants, local experts, planners, and councillors at Panel Meetings in the summer of 2023.

## “Can the list be amended?”

After consultation with property owners the Draft Local List will be taken to Rossendale Borough Council’s Cabinet for members to approve the Local List, this is expected to be in spring 2024. Comments received during the consultation, which ends on 13 February 2024, will be recorded and reported to councillors. Given the previous research and consultation that has taken place it is not expected to add significantly to the number of new assets. For any assets to be removed it will be necessary to show why it no longer has heritage value sufficient to be identified as a NDHA.

Buildings and other structures can be identified as NDHAs during the course of determining planning applications or the preparation of planning documents, such as the Local Plan or a Neighbourhood Plan; this would take effect immediately. However, the Local List itself is not likely to be reviewed until at least the review of the current Local Plan.

## “What criteria was used to assess Non-Designated Heritage Assets?”

Buildings or sites nominated have been considered under selection criteria developed from Historic England’s guidance, including:

- Asset Type
- Age
- Rarity
- Architectural and Artistic Interest
- Group Value
- Historic Interest
- Archaeological Interest
- Landmark Status